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## PART 171—IMPLEMENTATION OF WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION AIRCRAFT TRANSFER ACT OF 1996

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### § 171.1 Background and purpose.

The Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act of 1996 (the “Act”) allows the Department of Defense (DoD), during the period 1 October 1996 through 30 September 2000, to sell aircraft and aircraft parts to entities that contract with the Federal government for the delivery of fire retardant by air in order to suppress wildfire. This part implements the Act.

### § 171.2 Applicability.

The regulations in this part apply to aircraft and aircraft parts determined to be DoD excess under the definition of the Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) and listed in Attachment 1 of Chapter 4 of DoD 4160.21-M as Category A aircraft authorized for commercial use.

### § 171.3 Restrictions.

Aircraft and aircraft parts sold under the Act shall be used only for wildfire suppression purposes and shall not be flown or removed from the U.S. unless dispatched by the National Interagency Fire Center in support of an inter-

national agreement to assist in wildfire suppression, or for other purposes jointly approved in advance, in writing, by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Agriculture.

### § 171.4 Qualifications.

The Secretary of Agriculture must certify in writing to the Secretary of Defense prior to sale that the person or entity is capable of meeting the terms and conditions of a contract to deliver fire retardant by air.

(a) Prior to sales offerings of aircraft or aircraft parts, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) must provide to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS), in writing, a list of persons or entities eligible to bid under this Act, including expiration date of each USDA contract, and locations covered by the USDA contract.

(b) This requirement may not be delegated to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

### § 171.5 Sale procedures.

Disposal of aircraft and aircraft parts must be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4 of DoD 4160.21-M, paragraph B 2, and with other pertinent parts of this manual, with the following changes and additions:

(a) Sales shall be limited to the aircraft types listed in Attachment 1 of Chapter 4 of DoD 4160.21-M, and parts thereto (i.e., no aircraft or aircraft parts listed as Munitions List Items on the State Department’s U.S. Munitions List).

(b) Sales shall be made at fair market value (FMV), as determined by the Secretary of Defense and, to the extent practicable, on a competitive basis.

(1) DRMS must conduct sales utilizing FMVs that are either provided by the Military Services on the Disposal Turn-In Documents (DTIDs) or based on DRMS’ professional expertise and knowledge of the market. Advice regarding FMV shall be provided to DRMS by USDA, as appropriate.

(2) If the high bid for a sale item does not equal or exceed the FMV, DRMS is vested with the discretion to reject all bids and reoffer the item:

(i) On another wildfire suppression sale if there is indication that reoffer may be successful, or,